

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Aquatic Resources
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

July 25, 2008

Board of Land
and Natural Resources
Lihue, Kauai

Request for Approval of a Special Activity Permit for Dr. Timothy Tricas, Department of Zoology, University of Hawaii, and Designated Assistants to Conduct Scientific Research Activities in Certain State Marine Waters, Island of Hawaii Only, on Butterflyfishes and Other Reef Fish Species

Submitted herewith for your consideration and approval is a Special Activity Permit as authorized in Section 187A-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). Section 187A-6 provides that the Department may issue permits no longer than one year (from date of issue) to any person to take aquatic life, possess or use fishing gear, or engage in any feeding, watching, or other such non-consumptive activity related to aquatic resources otherwise prohibited by law for scientific, educational, management, or propagation purposes, subject also to Chapter 195D and any other restrictions the Department deems desirable.

Such permits are usually sought by University researchers and their students, professional biologists, consultants, aquariums, or public and private school teachers to either collect aquatic life otherwise considered unlawful, or to use gear otherwise considered unlawful, primarily for the purposes of study or education. Dr. Tricas and his designated assistants propose to capture reef fish species, mostly butterflyfishes, and study their behavior (mate recognition) and acoustic communication. These fishes would be collected using small mesh nets, in areas which might be closed to either using these types of nets or the take of aquarium species. Additionally, Dr. Tricas states that capture would be temporary, some fish may be tagged, and a small tissue sample from a fin would be taken. Otherwise, all species would be released after observation.

The Division of Aquatic Resources has reviewed the application for impact and made recommendations to conserve resources as well as to minimize impacts to those resources. Among other permit provisions, the Division will require an annual report at the end of the permit period to document the efforts of the collections or activities. This permit does not authorize any work in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

RECOMMENDATION:


"That the Board approve a Special Activity Permit for Dr. Timothy Tricas and Designated Assistants to Conduct Scientific Research in Certain State Marine Waters, Island of Hawaii only, on Butterflyfishes and Other Reef Fish Species."

Respectfully submitted,



DAN POLHEMUS
Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



LAURA H. THIELEN
Chairperson

SPECIAL
ACTIVITY PERMIT SAP 2009-06

State of Hawai'i
Department of Land & Natural Resources Issued _____
Division of Aquatic Resources
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 330
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813 Expires _____

The Department of Land and Natural Resources hereby grants permission for certain collection of organisms belonging to the people of Hawai'i under the authority of Section 187A-6, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and all other applicable laws, to:

Dr. Timothy Tricas (permittee)
University of Hawaii (808) 956-9812 (FAK)
Dept of Zoology, 2538 The mall 956-8677 (V)
Honolulu, HI 96822

This permit is issued with attached conditions to authorize collection and possession of marine fauna for scientific purposes.

This permit, signed by authorized representative of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (the Department), authorizes the permittee, and assistants designated on the final page(s) of, or attachments to, this permit, to engage in activities otherwise prohibited by law, subject to the conditions, which **TAKE, CATCH, POSSESS, OR OBSERVE** certain aquatic life from waters of the State, as follows:

Types	DESCRIPTION	LIMIT	LOCATIONS
Reef Fish	<i>f.</i> <i>Chaetodonidae</i> <i>f. Labridae</i> <i>f. Acanthuridae</i> <i>f.</i> <i>Pomacentridae</i>	50 total individual fish all species for the entire year. Each fish will be held in situ no longer than two hours at a time and then	Puako Bay, Puako FMA, Kailua-Keahou FRA, Kailua- Kona FMA, Papawai Bay FMA, Kailua- Kona FRA, Napoopoo- Honaunau FMA, island of

	<i>f. Serranidae</i>	released into the same habitat at the same depth as collection, along with Special Conditions.	Hawai'i ONLY .
	<i>f. Holocentridae</i>		Written permission needed from DAR for other waters of the State of Hawai'i except as prohibited by Special Conditions.
	<i>F. Ostraciidae</i>		

CONDITIONS

PART I. GENERAL

A. This permit becomes effective when the following process is completed.

1. Each assistant must be listed at the end of this permit.
2. The permittee and each assistant must read the permit completely; and must acknowledge understanding of and agreement to abide by conditions of the permit, by signing *both* copies of the permit in the spaces provided.
3. *Both* copies of the permit with permittee's and assistants' signatures must be returned to the Division of Aquatic Resources (the Division).
4. The permit becomes valid when signed by an authorized representative of the Department; the Department will return one validated copy to the permittee.
5. The permittee agrees to notify the Division immediately of any change in assistants. Additional persons may be added as assistants by validation: each must sign an "Attachment" form, which must be returned to the Division for validation; once approved, such persons are added to the permit.

B. The permittee agrees to obtain written approval of the Division prior to conducting any activity which would be prohibited under the permit (i.e. request in advance changes to permit conditions).

- C. This permit does not make the Board of Land and Natural Resources or State of Hawai'i liable in any way for claim of personal injury or property damage which may result from activity authorized by this permit; the permittee and all assistants agree to hold the Board and State harmless against any and all claims of injury, death or damage resulting from actions or omissions under this permit.
- D. This permit conveys authority **ONLY** of the Department relating to the Division's jurisdiction over aquatic resources: the permittee remains responsible for obtaining all other prior permission from other applicable authorities (such as owners of and tenants upon private lands; other divisions of the Department; other local, State and Federal agencies--this permit authorizes collecting organisms protected by Federal law only with appropriate Federal authorization).
- E. The permittee and also each assistant is individually responsible and accountable for his or her actions while performing activities authorized by this permit; the permittee is additionally responsible and accountable for the actions of each assistant.
- F. This permit is neither transferable nor assignable to another person.
- G. The permittee or assistant must carry a copy of this permit on location while performing activities authorized by this permit.
- H. Authority granted by this permit ends on the "Expiration Date" on the first page of this permit; within one month of the expiration date, the permittee agrees to **return this permit** to the Division with a **Collecting Report completed for the full duration of this permit**, reporting results of *all* collecting under this permit on the form provided with this permit.
- I. The permittee and assistants agree to provide access to data obtained under this permit upon request of the Division, to provide the Division one copy of each report prepared with such data and published for distribution, and to allow Department staff to inspect on permittee's premises organisms collected under this permit.
- J. Violation of any condition of this permit by any person may be cause for immediate revocation of the permit; the person responsible may be subject to penalty as provided by law; violation may be cause also for denial of future permit applications.
- K. The permittee may request change of a condition or conditions of this permit by writing to the Division; if approved by the Department, the Division will issue an attachment ("Amendment") which shall become part of, and amend terms of, this permit. The Department may impose additional conditions to, or restrictions of, this permit by written notice to the permittee.

PART II. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. **GENERAL STATEMENT:** This permit authorizes observing, holding, catching of live reef fish only; subject to the other conditions of this permit.
2. **LOCATIONS:** Collecting activities under this permit is limited to waters immediately surrounding the island of Hawai'i and is expressly prohibited at the following locations.

<u>ISLAND OF MAUI</u>	<u>ISLAND OF O'AHU</u>	<u>ISLAND OF HAWAI'I</u>
Kahului Harbor FMA ¹	Ala Wai Canal FMA	Hilo Bay FMA
Honolua-Mokuleia MLCD ²	Coconut Island MLR	Kealahakua Bay MLCD
Molokini MLCD	Diamond Head SFMA	Kailua Bay FMA
Ahihi-Kinau NAR ³	Haleiwa Harbor FMA	Kawiahae Harbor FMA
	Hanauma Bay MLCD	Old Kona Airport MLCD
<u>ISLAND OF LANA'I</u>	Heeiea Kea FMA	Lapakahi Bay MLCD
Manele Harbor FMA	Kapalama Canal FMA	Puako Bay & Reef FMA
Manele-Hulopoe MLCD	Paiko Lagoon Wildlife Refuge	Waiakea PFA ⁴
	Pupukea MLCD	Wailea Bay MLCD
<u>ISLAND OF MOLOKA'I</u>	Waialua Bay FMA	Wailuku River FMA
Kaunakakai Harbor FMA	Waikiki MLCD	Wailoa River FMA
		Waiopae Tidepools MLCD
<u>ISLAND OF KAUAI</u>		West Hawaii Regional Fishery Management Area (comprising 9 Fish Replenishment Areas)
Ahukini Pier FMA		
Hanamaulu Bay FMA		

Kapaa Canal FMA		
Waikaena Canal FMA		
Waimea Pier & Bay FMA		

¹ FMA -Fisheries Management Area; ² MLCD - Marine Life Conservation District; ³NAR - Natural Area Reserve; ⁴ PFA - Public Fishing Area

3. **COLLECTING PRACTICES:** The permittee is responsible for persons engaging in activities under this permit behaving professionally and responsibly, in a manner which does not generate conflict with public or private sectors, including fishing and dive-tour industries and local communities.
 - a. Collecting activities under authority of this permit must be supervised directly, on site, by either Dr. Tricas or his appointed representative (who must be a signatory of this permit).
 - b. An approved alien species protocol will be filed with DAR prior to initiation of collection activities. Protocol will include mechanisms for ensuring that the individuals listed on this permit do NOT serve as vectors for the transport or introduction of alien species through their activities.
 - c. No extractive or invasive sampling will be done on or near any intact coral colony measuring larger than 1 m x 1 m x 1 m. Specific efforts will be made to avoid damage to any large colonies of coral.
 - d. Except as specified expressly in an approved collecting plan, no organism unlawful for taking or possession by reason of size, under law or administrative rule, may be collected or utilized under this permit.
 - e. No coral species other than those listed on this permit will be collected or impacted by any activities conducted under this permit.
 - f. The Division may require the permittee to accommodate presence of an observer specified by the Division during collection and research activities. A record will be kept of each collection comprising specific location, date, species and amount collected. This record will be made available to the Division upon request.

- g. All specific collecting sites will be GPS'd and that information provided to DAR or DOCARE upon request, along with listing in the annual report.

4. **NOTICE:**

- a. Collecting generally - the permittee must give notice, in form specified by the Department, to DAR neighbor island offices and to the neighbor island office of the Department's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE), at least 2 hours prior to initial commencement of any collection activity under this permit.
- b. Mass mortality - the permittee must notify DAR O'ahu within one day of
 - 1) Any instance of major damage caused to coral or other marine natural resources as a result of collection or other research activities conducted under this permit.
 - 2) Any un-planned mass die-off of collected material after field collection.

5. **GEAR AND METHODS**

Use of any chemical substances pursuant to Section 188-23, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, electrical shocking devices, or explosives remains expressly prohibited.

- 1) This permit allows for the use of a tended small mesh barrier net to be used to capture fish. Net must be labeled with the permittee's name and this permit number "SAP 2009-06".
- 2) This permit allows for use of hand nets to capture fish listed under this permit.

6. **OUT-OF-STATE TRANSPORT**

No live or dead material may be shipped out-of-State for analysis or other reasons without written approval from the Division.

7. **USE OF ORGANISMS:** Organisms and live rock taken from Hawai'i waters under authority of this permit may be used only for scientific study in Hawai'i, except as authorized by prior written approval of the Division:

- a. Organisms collected under authority of this permit may not be used for personal consumption or sale; organisms collected under this permit may not be traded, bartered or loaned to other individuals, institutions or entities;
- b. Written approval must be obtained from the Division prior to
 - 1) Purchasing or any other acquisition of regulated organisms (regardless of origin) alive from any other party,
 - 2) Transporting any live organism (regulated or not) between islands, or outside of Kane'ohe Bay, O'ahu.

- 3) Exchanging or donating any organisms collected under this permit to any other person, party or organization;
- c. The permittee may not convey in any fashion (including, but not limited to, selling, trading, or giving) any coral or live rock to any person or party in Hawai'i which does not already have a permit from the Department authorizing possession of same and without direct, written approval from the Division;
- d. All fish will be released unharmed within the same habitat and depth, and at the same location as where they were captured. Fish will be held in captivity no longer than five hours at a time.
8. **ANNUAL REPORT:** Upon expiration, the permittee must provide to the Division a final written report summarizing results of collecting activity carried out under this permit and the analysis of the data:
 - a. The annual report should provide a written explanation as to how the collection of a fully-protected marine species for scientific study is benefiting the State of Hawai'i in general and specifically, the improved management of the species.
 - b. The final report must describe, in form specified by the Department,
 - 1) Names and total numbers/quantities of all specimens collected under this permit,
 - 2) Their dispositions (e.g. on display; released/returned to the ocean; died),
 - 3) Description of any additional benefits beyond the scientific analysis provided to the Division or the public during the period;
 - c. An inventory of organisms (dead or alive) present at the facility or with the permittee the end of the report period, in form acceptable to the Division, must accompany the annual report;
 - d. The annual report is due at the Division's Honolulu office within one calendar month after expiration of the permit, and is required prior to any renewal of this permit.

VALIDATING SIGNATURE

LAURA H. THIELEN, Chairperson

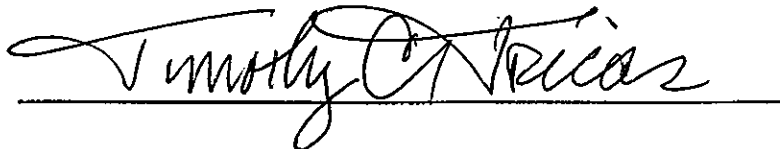
Department of Land and Natural Resources

cc: DLNR Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement

Special Agent in Charge, US Fish and Wildlife Service Honolulu

ACKNOWLEDGING SIGNATURES

By signature below, I attest that I have read and understand the General and Special Conditions of Special Activity Permit SAP 2009-06 and that, further, I agree to comply with all of these conditions when collecting under authority of this permit.


A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Timothy Tricas", is written over a horizontal line.

Timothy Tricas

Primary Permittee

Special Activity Permit SAP 2009-06

Designated Assistants

Sign:  Type Name: Kelly S. Boyle	Sign: Type Name:
Sign: Type Name:	Sign: Type Name:
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